(b) whether any study has been made to determine the number of application for passports and renewals from Cannanore, Kasaragod and Wayanad area of Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details of findings?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K GUJRAL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir A study was conducted in 1994 to determine the district-wise distribution of passport applications from all states including the state of Kerla. The study did not reveal any imbalance in the location of the existing Passport Offices, Passport Offices are generally located in areas/ cities with maximum input of applications.

Water Supply Schemes in States

498 SHRI S.D.N R WADIYAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether his Ministry has been funding any water supply scheme in some States

(b) if so, the details of those centrally funded schemes,

(c) whether any such scheme is being implemented in Karnataka since Eighth Plan,

(d) if so, the funds sanctioned to Karnataka under those schemes in different years in the Eighth Plan, and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR U VENKATESWARLU) (a) Yes. Sir

(b) (i) A Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) launched in 1993-94 provides for safe and adequate water supply facilities in towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census) It is funded by the Central and State Governments in the ratio of 50 50.

(ii) Mega City scheme provides for the central assistance for the development of infrastructure to large 5 metropolitan cities The funding pattern under the scheme is 25% Central Government, 25% State Government and 50% institutional finance

(c) to (e). Under AUWSP, 7 water supply schemes have been sanctioned during the Eighth Plan at a total cost of Rs 438 90 lakhs and a total amount of Rs 190 27 lakhs have been released towards central share The towns covered under this scheme are Belur, Saligrama, Chittaguppa, Kuttur, Kerur, Mundargi and Sadalga.

Under the Mega City scheme, water supply projects amounting to Rs. 44.19 crores have been approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee in the year 1995-96 for Bangalore City. An amount of Rs. 35.28 crores has been released as Central share for all projects qualifying assistance under the Mega City Programme which includes water supply components.

Assistance to Writers & Artists

499. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are provisions for giving pension/financial assistance to celebrated but old and financially helpless writers and artists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who are in indigent circumstances, and their dependents are eligible for pension/financial assistance subject to the condition that the personal income of the applicant (including income of the spouse) must exceed Rs 1,000/- per month and that the applicant should not be less than 58 years of age (The age limit does not apply in case of dependents apart from other conditions of eligibility)

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Unauthorised Buildings in Cantonment Area

500 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Directorate of Defence Estates under the Central Command have taken steps to demolish the unauthorised buildings constructed in 'A' Class cantonment area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some officials of these cantonments under the said command are violating the Cantonment Act, 1924 in the process of demolishing such unauthorised buildings; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) There is no classification as 'A' Class Cantonments. The Central Command has 18 Class I Cantonments In all these Cantonments steps to demolish unauthorised constructions are taken by the concerned statutory authorities in accordance with

Cantonment Acts & Rules. The Cantonment-wise details as on 30.9.95 are given in enclosed statement.

(c) No such instance of violation has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) In view of above, question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Removal of Unauthorised Constructions by Class-I Cantonment Boards in Central Command (30.9.95)

Contonment Name	U/A Upto 30.9.95	Prosec 184	Notice 185	Notice 256	Appeal 274 CB	Appeal DDE	Court Case	Demolition Upto
Agra	2752	242	2752	2484	296	97	102	8
Allahabad	544	17	544	298	1	0	9	4
Babina	570	130	154	51	0	10	23	0
Bareilly	112	17	93	36	15	2	11	7
Danapur	183	58	93	14	5	11	48	10
Dehradun	207	205	207	75	0	2	4	0
Jabalpur	458	92	455	201	6	3	83	1
Jhansi	471	53	60	5	35	47	3	0
Kanpur	1984	1984	1984	1984	0	1	53	0
Lucknow	795	486	759	127	175	7	31	0
Meerut	4756	64	84	5	1155	214	155	0
Mhow	905	140	889	214	193	1	134	0
Morar	1359	635	1338	1338	0	0	621	40
Ramgarh	788	244	752	752	0	1	0	0
Ranikhet	45	7	45	15	2	1	0	0
Saugor	308	23	308	308	1	0	89	0
Shahjahanpur	30	10	30	5	0	0	8	0
Varanasi	188	46	188	93	29	17	13	0
Total	16455	4453	10735	7998	1913	414	1387	70

Erosion of Yamuna River Banks

501 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the constant erosion on the banks of river Yamuna in Delhi for the last three years;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the erosion;

(c) whether financial assistance has been provided to Delhi Government to check the erosion on the banks of Yamuna during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the said amout has been spent by the Delhi Government and the achivements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Yes. Sir

(b) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has taken up suitable anti-erosion works to check erosion of river embankment at appropriate locations.

(c) Flood control projects are formulated, executed and funded through the State Plans Central assistance is provided to the States/Union Territories in the form of block loan and block grants and not tied to any specific project/programme or region.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Under the over-all Plan allocation made to Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, anti-erosion schemes amounting to Rupees 99 14 lakhs were implemented by the Delhi Government during the last three years.

During this period, anti-erosion works likes construction of new studs, ballies screen, bed-bars and other restoration works were taken up.